

# The Heartbeat of Highwater

”Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;” *Psalm 98:4*

January  
2011

## **Pastor Ed's Corner**

Dear Friends in Christ,

As the new year begins, how do we stay in touch with the Master? In Psalm 32:7, it reads; ‘you shall surround me with songs of deliverance.’

Out West an old shepherd had a violin, but it was out of tune. He had no way of tuning it, so in desperation he wrote to one of the radio stations and asked them at a certain hour on a certain day to strike the tone “A”. The officials of the station decided they would accommodate the old fellow, and on that particular day the true tone of “A” was broadcast. His fiddle was thus tuned, and once more his cabin echoed with joyful music.

When we live apart from God, our lives get out of tune—out of harmony with others and with God. But if we live in tune with the Master we, too, will find ourselves surrounded by His beautiful music.

As this new year begins, let us ask God to help us tune our lives every day to His Word, so we can bring harmony and joy to those around us. One way to do this is to worship on Sundays and read our Bibles during the week. Why not start Sunday, January 2, 2011.

Cheryl and I will be looking for you next Sunday.

God bless you,  
*Pastor Ed*



A Joyful Noise “*Ring*ing” in the NEW YEAR ! Hear their “JOY” again on Sunday, January 9th !

## FALL HOG ROAST

### *God blessed us once again!*

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fall Hog Roast another great success. We had a great day for it! A special thanks to our committee chairs and co-chairs for their commitment to seeing things through for us. They put in a lot of time and effort to ensure we were successful.

**Sound System** - Kyle Campbell (with volunteers from Bob Tucker and Fred Grace to help if needed)

**Advertising** - Tom Siegel and Bob Rowe co-chair

**Auctioneer** - Steve Torrens

**Announcer** – Bob Tucker with Bob Rowe filling in

**Hogs** – Bill and Janet Goodman, Jack Schmidt “co-chair” heading up the carving

**Dessert Table** – Kathy Preston

**Market Table** – Brenda Cox

**Basket Bonanza** – Becky Campbell and Patsy Farmer co-chair

**Kid’s activities** – Elli Kalas and Shelley Payne co-chair

**Silent Auction** – Becky Campbell and Judy Grace co-chair

**Live auction and set up** – Janine Shipley and Melanie Shipley co-chair



As meal chair, I take this opportunity to thank all of you who helped with the meal from prep through serving and clean up. Thank you!!

Last Hog Roast I explained how we as a church group, and I, have been hesitant to recognize people for doing things for the hog roast as the results are really the sum benefit of **everyone’s** efforts whether it be in the work, donations, bidding, or inviting others. Some do work that isn’t really even known so we risk hurting someone who has done a lot when we recognize only a few. I stressed however, how important I felt it was to have the **commitment** of our committee chairs and chose to highlight them last hog roast. I still maintain that their commitment should be recognized and I am going to risk taking that a bit further this time. There are so many individuals I would like to highlight and thank for rising to a specific task, helping to make it all happen. I am going to mention two. Please, I hope I don’t offend anyone by not mentioning them too, but I think Galen Gault and Eileen Preston should be noted. We have people who do sooooo much for these roasts. A lot of that is seen and people are aware of their work but Galen and Eileen are so humble and quiet in their service it may not be so obvious.

Galen has always been a great resource at our roasts. He starts with Friday night helping with set up, he spends Saturday morning carving, and then comes back and scrubs in the kitchen and helps with clean up Saturday evening. This year he took the kitchen duty most begrudged by others, scrubbing those awful potato pans! It is hard and rather discouraging work as it seems they will never come clean. (Fred and Dennis, thanks for your scrubbing too!)

Eileen always helps in the kitchen. This roast she began work with me in the kitchen early Saturday and remained through part of serving. A long day, on her feet the whole time! We felt she deserved a break and offered for her to leave, although her efforts throughout were of great benefit. She offered to stay if we could use her and we certainly could! If you enjoyed your potatoes Saturday night, thank Eileen. She was pretty much our keeper of the potatoes. She worked hard. It wasn’t just be there and mingle time, she kept moving doing all sorts of work.

Galen and Eileen are of the more senior generation of our church. I hope they won’t mind me highlighting that. It is the main reason I am highlighting them. The level of work they cranked out was amazing! I think that is significant and their energy for God and others is worthy of mention. They both worked tirelessly, with humble hearts, to achieve God’s work. They have reached that phase where they could easily have sat out and no one would have thought less of them. Many can’t do what they did, even of the younger generation, and that is fine. But they can, and they did, and they made a huge difference through their work and their positive spirit. Sometimes I think we just have to acknowledge those who work in the background, who really keep on giving, and say thanks! It makes the work a whole lot easier for the rest of us.

Thank you Galen and Eileen!! You are great examples to all of us. We appreciate you!

Thank you EVERYONE, and most important, thank you God for blessing us once again!!

Nancy Siegel

## Celebrations & Concerns

### Happy Birthday to:

- 1/01 David Freas
- 1/01 Will Holt
- 1/04 Janet Goodman
- 1/04 Nathan Wyscarver
- 1/06 Marcia Hoskinson
- 1/07 Riley Kegler
- 1/08 Peggy Green
- 1/09 Steve Ratai
- 1/09 Goldie Campbell
- 1/10 Edsel Blackburn
- 1/10 Abbey Pound
- 1/11 Sara Vaughan
- 1/12 Beth Swick
- 1/12 Larry James
- 1/14 Mary Field
- 1/15 Janna Yost
- 1/16 Tom Lake
- 1/16 Gary Perkins
- 1/22 Carol Hoar
- 1/23 Penny James
- 1/25 Bob Rowe
- 1/27 Steve Torrens
- 1/27 Melanie Shipley
- 1/28 Rita Kerr
- 1/29 Stacey Atherton
- 1/30 Jim Yost
- 1/31 Eddie Payne
- 1/31 Alex Lake

### Prayers for those in need of healing:

Betty Nash, Tom Siegel, Gayle Gibson, Tom Lake  
 George Freas, Shelly Ellis, George Myers, Jim Farmer, Judy Grace, Ned  
 Campbell, Bobbi Preston, Carlene Smetts, Olivia Shelley,  
 Linda Keaser, Christine Schmidt, John Stout, Aaron Root, Hank Waters  
 Louise Day, Jolyn McKnight, Frank and Gerry McKimmins, Doyle Argo,  
 Carl Richards, Dennis Koiviula, Alice Clary  
 Continued prayers: for those who serve in our armed forces and all of their  
 families, as well as those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

### WISH to Quilt Guild Wednesday January 12, 7:00p.m.



We will begin a new project of "A Block a Month". Depending how many blocks you would like to do, you can do any number of projects. Block Patterns and measurements will be available at this first meeting of 2011.



Questions—call Elaine Tulloss at 740-892-3577, or Janine Shipley at 892-2722.

### Memorial Endowment Advisory Council Members Needed

– Can you be available approximately 2 hours a year? Please contact Kevin Campbell, Jack Schmidt, Galen Gault, or call the office if you would like to fill one of our available positions. We are currently in need of someone for a 3 year term and someone for a 5 year term. For more information about this position and what is involved please contact Jack Schmidt. 587-2890.

### Happy Anniversary

- 1/04 Rev. Ed & Cheryl Lopeman
- 1/10 Steve & Cathy Ratai
- 1/12 Jack & Peggy Green
- 1/22 Ed & Marcia Hoskinson

### Please Keep "Krogering" in 2011!

Thank you to everyone who has used the Kroger Rewards plan to benefit Highwater Church!

Questions? Call Nancy Schmidt  
 587-2890

**Our Total for 2010 was \$ 2,991.00**

### *Dear Highwater Church Family,*

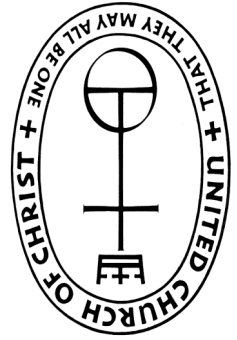
*Although we have always known what a wonderful support system the church has, and how much Mom was loved, it really shined over the last few months.*  
*We will forever be grateful for the outpouring of love and support that was shown with the cards, calls, visits and prayers during this trying time.*  
*We were truly blessed to have Mom in our lives as long as we did and we are further blessed to be part of the Highwater Church family. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.*  
*The family of Betty Sillik,* *Paula, Mary and Annette.*

**WISH Dinners**  
**Licking County Trustees**  
 Saturday, January 8th  
 12:00p.m.  
 Please sign up to help

**Blood Drive**  
 Please sign up to  
 give the gift of  
 life this  
 month.  
 Sunday,  
 January  
 23rd



**Sunday Schedule**  
 Worship - 8:30 & 10:30a.m.  
 Faith Formation - 9:30a.m.  
 (For all ages)  
 Children's Church - 10:30a.m.



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## Did You Know?

- ♦ Flowers for the month of **January are donated by David and Melanie Shipley in honor of their family.**
- ♦ Greeting us with the love of Christ in the month of **January are Bill and Janet Goodman.**
- ♦ Acolytes for **January: Tralie & Owen Storts, Rebekah & James Kalas, Megan Payne & Alli Burgess, Emma & Shae Swick, and Elise & Drake Stone.**

### Office Hours :

**Tuesday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.**

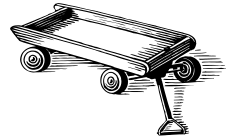
**Thursday 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.**

### Planning an Event? Use the LEGG Center


Call Peggy Green at 740-892-3235 for rates, information and to reserve your date. And, if you want to use Highwater's tables, chairs, or other assets, please be sure to check first, and sign them out with both a departure date and a due-back date.

## Thank You Highwater

Our Little Red Wagon collection supplied much needed food to the Utica Food Pantry and a total of \$ 1,889.00 for 2010.



## Peace, Hope, Faith, Love, Joy Through Giving & Attendance

	12/05	\$2,981.00	121
	12/12	2,220.00	114
	12/19	7,188.00	142
	12/26	1,728.00	88
	Need Weekly for Budget		

YTD \$ 6,619.98